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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of	)	
	)	MURs 4693, 4737
Washington State Republican Party—	)	and 4868
Federal Account	)	
and Al Symington, as treasurer	)	

**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

**I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED**

Accept Respondents' civil penalty offer of \$80,000 and close the file.

**II. BACKGROUND**

On August 12, 1999, the Commission found probable cause to believe that the Washington State Republican Party--Federal Account and Al Symington, as treasurer (the "Committee" or "Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i) and 106.5(g)(1)(i), and approved a conciliation agreement

This Office recommends that the Commission accept the Committee's offer.

### III. ANALYSIS


*This Office recommends that the Commission accept Respondents' offer.*

**IV. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Accept the counterproposal of the Washington State Republican Party—Federal Account and Al Symington, as treasurer.
2. Close the file and approve the appropriate letters.

Lawrence Noble  
General Counsel

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Date

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Attachment:  
Conciliation Agreement

Staff Assigned:  
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